

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of protecting soya beans against soya bean rust comprising applying ~~Use of~~ one or more demethylation inhibitor (DMI) fungicides selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) triazoles:
 - a.1. azaconazole, a.2. bitertanol, a.3. bromuconazole, a.4. cyproconazole, a.5. difenoconazole, a.6. diniconazole, a.7. epoxiconazole, a.8. fenbuconazole, a.9. fluquinconazole, a.10. flusilazole, a.11. flutriafol, a.12. hexaconazole, a.13. imibenconazole, a.14. ipconazole, a.15. metconazole, a.16. myclobutanil, a.17. paclobutrazol, a.18. penconazole, a.19. propiconazole, a.20. prothioconazole, a.21. simeconazole, a.22. tebuconazole, a.23. tetraconazole, a.24. triadimenol, a.25. triticonazole;
 - b) pyrimidines:
 - b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;
 - c) pyridines:
 - c.1. pyrifenoxy; and
 - d) imidazoles:
 - d.1. imazalil, d.2. oxpoconazole fumarate, d.3. peforazoate, d.4. prochloraz, d.5. triflumizole; ; and mixtures thereof

~~as seed dressing for to said~~ soya beans against soya bean rust.
2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~Use according to Claim 1 using a~~ DMI fungicide is selected from the group consisting of fluquinconazole, flutriafol, ipconazole, prothioconazole and triticonazole.
3. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for protecting soya bean plants against soya bean rust, ~~which method comprises treating seed of the plants with~~

comprising applying one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group a-e according to claim 1 consisting of:

a) triazoles:

a.1. azaconazole, a.2. bitertanol, a.3. bromuconazole, a.4. cyproconazole, a.5. difenoconazole, a.6. diniconazole, a.7. epoxiconazole, a.8. fenbuconazole, a.9. fluquinconazole, a.10. flusilazole, a.11. flutriafol, a.12. hexaconazole, a.13. imibenconazole, a.14. ipconazole, a.15. metconazole, a.16. myclobutanil, a.17. paclobutrazol, a.18. penconazole, a.19. propiconazole, a.20. prothioconazole, a.21. simeconazole, a.22. tebuconazole, a.23. tetraconazole, a.24. triadimenol, a.25. triticonazole;

b) pyrimidines:

b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;

c) pyridines:

c.1. pyrifenox;

d) imidazoles:

d.1. imazalil, d.2. oxpoconazole fumarate, d.3. peforazoate, d.4. prochloraz, d.5. trflumizole; and mixtures thereof

to the seed of said plants.

4. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 3 ~~where~~ wherein said one or more DMI fungicides is selected from the group consisting of fluquinconazole, flutriafol, ipconazole, prothioconazole and triticonazole ~~is used~~.
5. (Currently amended) A method of protecting soya beans against soya bean rust comprising applying ~~Use of~~ one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) triazoles:
 - a.20. prothioconazole;
 - b) pyrimidines:
 - b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol; and

- c) pyridines:
 - c.1. pyrifenox; ; and mixtures thereofas seed dressing for to said soya beans against soya bean rust.
- 6. (Currently amended) The method Use according to Claim 5 ~~using the~~ wherein said DMI fungicide is prothioconazole.
- 7. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for protecting soya bean plants against phytopathogenic fungi, which method comprises ~~treating seed of the plants with~~ applying one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) triazoles:
 - a.20. prothioconazole;
 - b) pyrimidines:
 - b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol; ~~and~~
 - c) pyridines:
 - c.1. pyrifenox[[,]] ; and mixtures thereofto the seed of said plants.
- 8. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 7 where the DMI fungicide ~~used~~ is prothioconazole.
- 9. (Currently amended) Soya bean seed, that has been treated, ~~and/or~~ coated or a combination thereof with one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group a ~~—e according to Claim 5~~ consisting of:
 - a) triazoles:
 - a.20. prothioconazole;
 - b) pyrimidines:
 - b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;
 - c) pyridines:
 - c.1. pyrifenox ; and mixtures thereof.

10. (Currently amended) The soya ~~Soya~~ bean seed according to Claim 9, ~~treated~~
~~and/or coated with~~ wherein said DMI fungicide is prothioconazole.